(c) what is the present duty on finished bulk drugs and inputs separately; and

(d) what are the reasons for levying lower custom duty on finished drugs than that on the inputs going in to the production of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Both imports and indigenous production have gone up because of increase in demand.

(b) The question of rationalisation of duties wherever necessary, is under examination.

(c) The present normal rate of customs duty on bulk drugs is 100 per cent advalorem. Differential rates of duty are levied on the inputs used by the drug industry vary from zero per cent to 141.5 per cent.

(d) The duty rates on bulk drugs and inputs used for the production of bulk drugs are reviewed from time to time looking to the requirements of the country.

Production Hydrocortisone

1247. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drugs companies which are licensed to produce Hydrocortisone, Prednisolone Cortisone Prednislone, Dexamethasone Betamethasone and its salts alongwith licensed capacity of each;

(b) what is the basic material permitted for the production of these items;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these drugs are being produced from imported intermediates rather than basic material; and

(d) if so, what is the yearwise quantity of each intermediate imported or procured by imported material by each company for the production of these drugs during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT oF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Details are given in the attached Statement [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 54].

(d) Details of imports are published in the "monthly statistics for foreign trade in India" Vol. II. copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Company-wise imports are not monitored.

Losses sustained by public sectors

1248. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the losses sustained by different public undertakings particularly the Steel Authority of India Ltd., Coal India Ltd., Electricity Undertakings and various Road Transport Corporations by the end of the Financial year 1985-86;

(b) which public sector undertakings are in the red and to what extent; and

(c) what is the strategy of the Government to mitigate these losses and how far this strategy has been successful in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The accounts of some of the enterprises for the year 85-86 are still under finalisation and audit. It will therefore take so more time to get the working results of all the enterprises for 1985-86 based on their approved accounts. However based on the audited accounts already received so far the profit and loss position in respect of some of the major Central Public Enterprises under Steel, Power and Road Transport is as follows:—

	Net profit (+)/ Loss (—) (Rs. in crores)
Steel Authority of India Ltd.	(+) 159.05
National Thermal power Corpn Ltd.	(+) 182.95
National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation Ltd.	(+) 18.79
Delhi Transport Corpn.	(—) 176.92